GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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OPERATION GAJA
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether two Elephants died after the 'Operation Gaja' at Lakhari Sanctuary in Gajapathi Districts of Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to prevent such incidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) & (b) As per report of the Government of Orissa, death of one elephant took place after two of them were captured and translocated from Andhra Pradesh and released in Lakhari Sanctuary in Orissa. The enquiry conducted by the officials of the Government of Orissa ascribed the death due to trauma caused to the elephant in the course of capture and translocation.

(c) Since then the process of capture and transportation of elephants has been suspended.